

Amendment to the Claims:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The closure device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the closure means is a “duck-bill” valve device.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ closure device as ~~claimed in claim 10, wherein for a container, comprising:~~

a filling device that can be attached to an opening of the container;

a closure means that is attached to the filling device in such a way that the opening of the container is sealed if the filling device is attached to the opening and which closure means is at least partially coated with polytetrafluoroethylene on one side that is accessible from outside the container in the assembled state of the filling device on the container, the closure means ~~comprises~~ comprising:

a closure structure formed of soft material having good adhesive properties; and

a needle guide that encloses the ~~the~~ closure structure and a portion of a needle tip receiving side of the closure structure, the needle guide being formed of a hard material, the needle guide defining a funnel-shaped opening which directs the needle tip toward the closure structure.

9-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The closure device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the polytetrafluoroethylene is coated on the funnel-shaped surface.

13. (Currently Amended) A closure device which closes an opening of a point of care testing container which receives bodily fluids via a needle and which testing container is configured to be received in a point of care testing device, the closure device comprising:

a structure which ~~defines~~defines a collecting space for receiving the
bodily fluids;

a connecting structure which extends from the collecting space
defining structure, the connecting structure being configured to connect with the
5 opening of the point of care testing container;

a closure structure which closes an end of the collecting space opposite
to the connecting structure, the closure structure being configured to be penetrated by
the needle and to seal when the needle is withdrawn;

a low wettability coating on at least a portion of the closure structure
10 which inhibits body fluid which escapes from the needle tip from spattering on the
device and inhibits the body fluid from escaping from the collection space.

14. (Previously Presented) The closure device as claimed in
claim 13, wherein the coating is polytetrafluoroethylene.

15. (Currently Amended) A closure device comprising:

a structure that defines a fluid collecting space;

a connecting structure which extends from and defines an outlet to the
fluid collecting space, the connecting structure being configured to be connected to an
5 opening of a container such that fluid drains from the collecting space into the
container;

a ~~closure~~closure structure which closes an end of the fluid collecting
space opposite to the connecting structure;

a polytetrafluoroethylene coating on at least a portion of a surface of
10 the closure structure opposite to the fluid collecting ~~region~~space;

wherein the closure structure and the polytetrafluoroethylene coating
are configured to be penetrated by a tip of a needle which delivers the fluid into the
fluid ~~connecting~~collecting space and to seal against the fluid leaving the fluid
collecting space through the closure structure and the polytetrafluoroethylene coating.

16. (Currently Amended) The closure device as claimed in claim 15, further including:

a needle guide disposed on a side of the closure structure opposite to the fluid collecting ~~regionspace~~, the needle guide defining a tapered passage which guides the needle to the polytetrafluoroethylene coated portion of the closure structure.

17. (Previously Presented) The closure device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the closure structure has a cross-section which is larger than a cross-section of the connecting structure such that it is easier to insert the needle into the closure structure than into the opening of the container.

18. (Previously Presented) The closure device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the closure structure includes:

a silicon membrane with the polytetrafluoroethylene coating on one surface.

19. (Previously Presented) The closure device as claimed in claim 15, further including:

a container connected to the connecting structure such that the fluid received in the fluid collecting space drains into the container.

20. (Previously Presented) The closure device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the fluids are bodily fluids and the container is a point of care testing container that is configured to be received in a point of care testing system which analyzes the bodily fluids at a point of patient care.